



THE CITY OF KEY WEST

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To Whom It May Concern

Re: Evacuation period, Hurricane Irma

On September 4, 2017, Gov. Rick Scott declared a statewide State of Emergency due to the pending threat from Hurricane Irma.

The following day, September 5, the City of Key West a declared State of Emergency. A mandatory evacuation of entire Monroe County was ordered, with residents urged to leave immediately.

Hurricane Irma impacted Monroe County with Category 4 force winds and flooding, resulting in multiple extensions of the State of Emergency.

Due to storm damage, the City of Key West was without basic utilities and needs such as water, electricity, food, gasoline etc. Conditions throughout the community were extremely hazardous, with nearly every road blocked by downed trees, broken electrical wires, dangling street and traffic lights and accompanied by a critical shortage of medical services.

The City rescinded the evacuation on September 17th, but resident's intent upon returning were advised to be self-sufficient, as many utilities and supplies were only available on a very limited basis.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Scott G. Fraser".

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